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Part B for June 1916

SUBJECT

Protest of the rate payers of the Civil Division Bangalore against the decision of their town in the Bangalore affy.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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FILE HEADING

~~Petitions from Bangalore etc~~

From

The Chairman Protest meeting VII Dn Chamarajpet, Bangalore

No. Nil Dated 10. 5. 17 Received

Diary No 3266	Enclos	Spare Copies	Serial No 98

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER

Submits a copy of the Proceedings of the meeting held by the rate-payers of the VII Division of the city protesting against the levying of Road Cess in the Bangalore city and stating that owing to war conditions, the proposed levying of the cess may be kept off till the ~~Collection~~ war is over and for a period of 2 years thereafter NOTES AND ORDERS

Submitted for orders. If approved may be forwarded to the President Bangalore city Municipal Council for a report

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2 This may be done

Revised 3 May be sent for disposal -

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18 5 17 Recommended

NOTES—First Sheet.

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4 Issue reqn Military echa
5 Refund proofs remarks
in all cases of hand up - 1
Refer to case and apply to the
Irl Canal whether instructions
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6 Get record subject
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Govt under which such fees
are levied

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7 Endorsement
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8 Subst

A draft endorsement is put up.

NM BM
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9 Issue
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10 Letter No 7546 39 26-5-07 to the Chairman, Protest meeting

Informs him that Govt cannot interfere with the legal powers of the body under Govt resolution

10 From the President, Muni Council, Bangalore Cant
No 439 of 29 May 1917

Submits copy of his reply given to similar representations made to him

NOTE—Contn sheet

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the rate payers.

Subst

Papers may be filed after perusal by the Rev. Secy

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For perusal

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112 From the Hon'ble Rate Payers' Assn Vth Dn Chamarajpet, Bangalore City Dated 20th June 1917

To — Copy of proceedings resolving among other matters that the Mun'l President may be requested to pay more interest in the sanitary matters of the Dn & that the same Officer be requested to postpone the general session & to associate with the Managing Committee the elected & Nominated Mun'l Commissioners & two Members of the Assn

For orders

The proceedings may

NOTE—Contn sheet

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if approved be forwarded to the Resident for such action as he considers necessary

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Rec'd Sec'y

Vide remarks of 2nd member at paras 4 to 6 may be filed

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10 May 1917

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From The Chairman.
Protest meeting
VII Wards. Dr. Chamberlayne
Bangalore city

To The Secretary to Government
Local Fund & Municipal
Departments Bangalore

Sir I beg to submit a copy of the Proceedings of the Protest Meeting held by the house owners of the VII Division of the City Municipality on the 7th instant at 5 P.M. at the Town Hall premises in connection with the proposed revision of House Tax by the City Municipality, increasing the tax to enhanced, a very considerable extent, for the information of Government as resolved in the Meeting and thereby request the favour may be pleased to grant an interview to the Municipality, the deputation of house holders of the proposed revision, as

General feeling in the Bangalore city is against any enhancement of taxes at present

I further beg to submit that in future when the necessities to increase the municipal house tax in the city the method suggested at the meeting in the 2nd and 3d resolutions may be kindly recommended by the President of the municipal council, for adoption

I have the honor
to remain sir
your most obedt servt

H. Narasaraz
Chairman

Mr Krishnaswamy
Dewan Secretary

Proceedings of the meeting convened at the instance of Messrs Vedaji Rao Saheb, B.A., B.L., Advocate, G.V.Narayana Rao, Retired Builder, at the Krishnaraja Hall of the Sri Ramesvara Temple, Shamaraipet, Bangalore City, by the housowners of the VII Municipal Division to discuss and concert measures in view to represent to the City Municipality that the proposed enhancement of the housetax in the recently undertaken revision of taxes by the Municipality will cause great hardships to the Housowners as the indicated rates are unreasonably High. by faulty and t
yet or There were 104 bona fide housowners at the meeting and a large number of other residents of the Division also attended it.

Mr. H. Mahadraiah, Banker and Landlord was duly proposed and elected to be the Chairman of the meeting.

The proceedings were conducted wholly in Kannada

Mr. G.V.Narayana Rao in an able speech explained to the Gentlemen present the object of the meeting and clearly set out the unreasonableness of the greatly enhanced rates, the difficulties that the people are already labouring under, on account of the existing war conditions and the great hardships that wil be caused to the middle and poorer classes of people owning and actually living in the houses in this Division by the Municipality enhancing taxes at such a time. He also showed that in some cases the proposed enhancement was as high as 75 per cent and over.

Messrs G Santanam Iyengar, P.S.Achyuta Rao, K Ramaswami Sastri, M. Venkata Rao and several others took part in the discussion and offered many valuable suggestions and a general consultation was held as to the procedure to be adopted in getting redress to the grievance.

The following resolutions were then passed unanimously:

1 As every citizen has already been adversely affected by the Great and unprecedented World-war, the Municipality be requested to postpone the revision of taxes till after the cessation of war and for a period of two years after it.

2. A representation be made that the old method adopted by the Municipality in the matter of revision of house taxes is faulty and that more satisfactory method would be for a panchayat or Committee consisting of the President or Vice-President, the Municipal Commissioners of the Division and three other responsible residents of the Division should decide the valuation of house property for purposes of taxation after minute and detailed inspection of each house and after considering all that the houseowner has to represent in each case.

3.That it be represented to the Municipality that after revision, conducted as above detailed the future enhancement, whenever it is found necessary should not exceed the rate now being levied by more than 10 per cent.

4 That the above resolutions be communicated to the President of the Municipality and the Government of His Highness the Maharaja Of Mysore.

H. Krishnaiah
Chairman
7/5/17

Secretary

After the business of the Protest Meeting above detailed, was over, the gentlemen present resolved to organise a Rate-payers' Association for the VII Municipal Division in view to protect the civic interests of the Division.

Mr. K. Ramaiya, Retired Assistant Secretary to the Government of Mysore was appointed the President of the Association and Messrs. C.V.Narayana Rao, Retired Amildar and K. Narayana Iyengar, Printer and Publisher as the Secretaries thereof. A strong executive committee was also appointed to carry out the work of the Association. With a vote of thanks to the Chair and three cheers to His Highness the Maharaja the meeting closed.

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To

4 Mannaiah Esq
Chairman, Protest meeting,
VII Mysl Dn, Chamarajpet
Bangalore City

of issue 24-5-17

Signed by Mr B J Kesava Iyengar

Sir,

With reference to your written representation dt 10th May 1917 communicating that the rate payers of the 7th Dn desire the postponement of the revision of house tax, I am directed to inform you that the Mysl Regulation provides remedies in all cases of

over

SUBJECT

landship + that application
for redress should in the
first instance be made to
the Municipal Council and that
Govt cannot interfere with the
legal powers of the Municipal
Authority under general revision
of Income tax

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For Secy

22/5/17

List of enclosures

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G I B—20,000—10.10.14

No. 2

21 JUN 1917

Letter/Manuscript
Dated 20 June 1917
Rec 3376-112

From

The Hon. Secretary
Rifle Players Association - VII Dn
Letter/Manuscript Bangalore City

GENERAL SECRETARIAT
IV
L. FUND
21 JUN 1917
D 3783

To

The Secretary to the Government
of Mysore. Rev and Municipal
Department Bangalore

Sir

I daresay you have already received my communication informing you of the establishment of the Rifle Players Association for the VII Dn Letter/Manuscript on the 7 of last month

I now beg to forward you for the information of Government copy of the proceedings of the first monthly meeting held on the 17 inst.

Considering the fact that the whole Bangalore City is become excited about the revision of house tax assessment under the Act the Govt will be well [illegible]

in memory of Mr Monaghan
& welcome the same kind hand
toward him is owed to every person
that becomes appeals Hardy

Proceedings of the Rate Payers Association VII Division. Chamarajpet, Bangalore City for the month of June 1917 held at the Sri Krishna Raja Mandiram Sri Rameshwar Temple, on the 17th June 1917

Members Present

Out of 102 in the list, 40 Members were present including the President Mr H Ramiah, Secretaries Messrs. C.V. Narayana Rao and K Narayana Iyengar and the elected Municipal Commissioner of the Division Mr S Venkatarama Iyer B.A. Vide Separate list.

The President took the chair The secretary Mr C.V. Narayana Rao then read the notice convening the meeting and explained to all the Members present that this was the first meeting after the establishment of the Association and in a humorous speech requested all the rate payers of the Division to give nourishment to the Associ-ation which came into existence only 6 weeks ago, by their regular attendance and encouragement at the meetings He then proposed, that before the regular work of the monthly meeting commenced, that a hearty expression of congratulations be conveyed to Raja Sabha Bhu-shana, Dewan Bahadur Mr K P Puttanna Chetty on the well deserved honor of C I E conferred upon him by the Government of India, as he was the principal rate payer of the Division and had done much philan-thropic work, and also because after having served H.H the Maharaja Government with credit and distinction for many years and having honorably retired, he again took up the most responsible and the most sacred duty of serving his fellow subjects as Honorary President of the premier Municipality in the state, when our beloved Maharaja offered him the president ship, and was now the guiding star of our City Municipal administration

All the members and visitors carried the proposition with cheers and clapping of hands.

Coming to the regular business of the Association, the following resolutions were unanimously passed

(1) That as a tentative measure a uniform minimum of one anna monthly subscription be collected from all the members for carrying the work of the Association and that the secretary be

authorised

a orised to employ a peon for collection and other works.

(2) That so far as circumstances permitted, a monthly meeting of the Association be held every second Sunday of the month for the transaction of business of the Association.

(3) That the Honorary President of the Municipality be requested to direct his sanitary officers to evince more interest in the sanitary work of the Division as many preventible measures are not being taken, to keep the Division in a sanitary condition

(4) That in the matter of the ensuing general revision of house tax, the Honorary President be requested to post pone the revision, if possible, till the restoration of peace, as the present terrible World War has affected every person every where including our Province. But unfortunately if it should be decided that the revision shall take place immediately, since the President has him-self in his letter to the chairman of the protest meeting clearly stated and emphasized the fact, that the only criterion upon which to levy house tax is or ought to be, the rental value of each house or build-ing, and which according to the notices now issued appears to be unduly high, sober consideration be shown at arriving at such rental value by taking notice of every circumstance both favourable and unfavourable in each case and for doing so, to associate with the managing Committee the elected and naminated Municipal Commissioners of the ~~Association~~ division plus two members of the Association

As it was already 8 P M the other subjects were post-poned for the next meeting.

It was a matter for general satisfaction that before the meeting closed most of the members present paid up their subs-cription some for 3 months, some for 6 months and some for one year and more

With a vote of thanks to the President, the meeting came to an end

(sd) H Ramiah
President

Secretary

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From The Honorary President
J.P. Municipal Council
Bangalore city

To The Secretary to the
Government of Mysore
Revenue Department
Bangalore.

Dated 29th May } 1917
Despatched 2nd June }

Received

General No 489
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Enclosure No two

Submitting for information
Copy of the reply given to
certain representations made
by the rate payers protesting
against the revision of house
taxes in the Bangalore city

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
BANGALORE CITY, DATED ..29-5-1917

FROM

DEWAN BAHADUR RAJA SABHA BHUSHANA
K. P PUTTANNA CHETTY, Esq.,
Honorary President, Municipal Council,
Bangalore City

To

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
~~Executive~~ *Revenue Departments,*
Bangalore

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith, for the information of Government a copy of the reply given by me to certain representations made by the rate-payers protesting against the revision of house taxes in the Bangalore City.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

K. P. Puttanna Chetty
Honorary President.

C.R.C.

Office of the Municipal Council,
Bangalore City, dated 29th May '17

From

Dewan Bahadur Rajasabhabhushana
K P. Puttanna Chetty Esq.,
Honorary President, Municipal Council,
Bangalore City

To

M.S. Puttanna Esq ,
Secretary, Rate Payers' Association,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore City.

H Mannariah, Esq.,
Chairman, Protest Meeting, Chamarajpet,
VII Division, Bangalore City.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Proceedings of the Protest Meeting held on the 29th Ultimo on the 7th inst on the question of the General Revision of house taxes in the Municipality and to state that your representation was placed before the Managing Committee, whose decision on the subject is enclosed for your information

2 There is indisputable evidence before the Municipal Council that the letting value of house property in the City and Extensions has greatly increased within the last ten or fifteen years and that failure to periodically revise letting values for a long term of years, has resulted not only in loss to the Municipality, but also in a marked disparity in the relative taxation of such properties. The General Revision of taxes is thus not merely for securing a just development of the normal resources of the Municipality, but is also calculated to render the burden of taxation equitable and consistent, on the definite basis of the letting value of properties in the various parts of the City

3. Some misconception seems to prevail on the subject of the General Revision of taxes and objections have often been taken to enhancement of assessment, mostly on the score of no improvement having been effected since the last assessment was fixed, or the property not having been let out &c But, it should be pointed out that the sole basis of assessment in the City Municipality at any time, is or ought to be, the letting value at that time, i e the value which a pro erty may reasonably be expected to fetch if let out for a normal purpose in the General Revision the

assessment

Bangalore City Municipal Council.

Proceedings of the Managing Committee Meeting held on the 19th May 1917

4. Letter dated 9th May 1917, from Lr M S. Puttanna, forwarding a copy of the resolution passed at a Meeting held on the 29th April 1917.

5 Letter dated 10th May 1917, from Mr. H Mannaraiya, forwarding a copy of the resolution of a Meeting held on the 7th May 1917 protesting against the ennancement of house tax in the said Division

Resolution -- It is erroneous to assume that there nas been any increase on the current rate of taxation. It is a matter of common knowledge that a General Revision of taxes in accordance with the prevailing letting values has been overdue for over two decades and Government as well as the Municipal Council have been anxious that this statutory obligation should be fulfilled Under the repeated instructions of Government and of the Municipal Council, the revision work has been taken up and worked out for nearly a period of two years There is thus no reason to believe that due care and attention have not been paid to the question of ascertaining the letting values of properties in the City. If however, excessive valuation is alleged in any case the revision Committee will be glad to consider individual objections when revising the assessment.

There are no good grounds to keep the revised assessment in abeyance, as requested.

The automatic increase of taxes by 10 or 15% in all cases as suggested would be arbitrary and inconsistent with the Municipal Regulation as having no recognised basis for adoption and would form a serious and legitimate cause for complaint

The Managing Committee therefore regret their inability to entertain the applications

Sd/- R Subba Rao,
Vice President.

C o p y

for hon President